

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claim 9. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 9-26 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Examiner Objections – Specification

The specification was objected to because of several informalities. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has modified the specification as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's consideration of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

3. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 9, 11-15, 17-21, 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martin W. Greenwood (GB 2281458 A) ("Greenwood"). The Applicants have amended independent claim 9 from which claims 11-15, 17-21 and 23-26 depend to further distinguish the present invention from Greenwood. Support for the amendment can be found at least at page 7, line 36 of the Specification.

As amended, the present invention as claimed is not anticipated by Greenwood. Greenwood does not disclose a telecommunication apparatus wherein an amount of traffic handling units of the plurality of traffic handling units as well as an amount of power supply units of the plurality of power supply units is activated in accordance with a power budget. While Greenwood discloses three power supply units, it is silent, and does not disclose nor suggest the *purposeful activation of only a part of these power supply units in accordance with a power budget*. Rather, Greenwood is focused on reducing power to one of a plurality of transceivers in a base station unit based on one of the power supplies *unexpectedly* falling below a voltage threshold.

4. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 10-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greenwood in view of Hagstrom (US 5,410,740) ("Hagstrom"). Neither Greenwood nor Hagstrom alone disclose, nor in combination, disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. While these references disclose an activation or deactivation of carriers, receivers/transmitters, etc., neither of them, alone or in combination, describe an activation of an amount of power supply units to match the total power consumption of the amount of activated traffic handling units.

A problem associated with the state of the art is that each power supply unit shows a power consumption by itself, i.e. consumes power to operate a circuitry of the power supply unit itself. Therefore, even when switching off traffic handling units to match a power budget, power consumption of the power supply unit or power supply units themselves will continue. This problem is solved by the present invention in that a plurality of power supply units are supplied and in that the control means are for activating an amount of power supply units of the plurality of power supply units matching the total power consumption of the amount of activated traffic handling units. This solution is not obvious in view of the references cited.

Claims 10-26 depend from amended claim 9 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 9. Therefore, the allowance of claims 9-26 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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